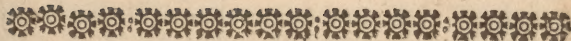


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*Evasti? credo metues, doctusque cavebis.*

*Queres quando iterum paveas, iterumque perire*

*Possis, ô toties servus !* Horat.

*Principiis obsta.*

Ovid.

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T O T H E

# READER.



*I*N the First Edition of this small Treatise, I gave a short Account of the Pretensions I had to the Business I now follow : And as many Persons in this City have become Great Men from such a Profession ; nor is it difficult to mention several at this Juncture who deservedly are reputed Men of Sound Judgment ; I shall wave all farther Accounts of that Nature, and consequently spurn at any invidious Calumnies, which some base designing Reptiles have heretofore loaded me with.

I cannot but hope this Book has open'd the Eyes of many Persons, who have been deceiv'd by too credulous a

## To the Reader.

*Temper, into Expences and Danger. I have in this Edition hinted at some Cases and Observations on this Disease, which are sufficiently convincing I am not out in my Conjectures ; more I have reserv'd behind, lest the Enlargements should require a greater Price : In short, since a considerable Number has been dispos'd of, in so small a Compass of Time, and since the Demand for them has of late increased, I have Reason to hope the Practice may again be brought out of the designing Crowd, into its regular Channel.*

*Thrice happy they who fall into  
the Hands of Judicious Men.*

*How many Fathers have entail'd Misery on their Progeny from ill-cured Poxes ! But 'tis not convenient to appear too open in this Affair, and therefore I shall desist from Particulars ; only this I may safely remark, that the Venereal Disease is with great Difficulty*

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*culty cur'd on Persons whose Parents had fix'd a Taint in their Blood in their Mothers Wombs; and Patience is requir'd, both on the part of the Physician and the Patient, when such have the Misfortune to be seiz'd.*

*It can't be suppos'd I design'd in this small Performance to give a large Body of Prescripts for the instructing of Others how to cure this Disease; my Aim was rather to kindle in my Readers a Flame, to consume the Intrigues of some Traders in this Malady; however proper I may think the converting it into a Prelude to a larger Volume, when I shall perceive any critical Circumstances to demand it.*

*Since the Publication of this Work, I find I have Reason to repent me, that I had not done myself Justice somewhat earlier; for my Patients are not deceived, as will appear in the Close; and I am happy enough, since I can gratify myself with the pleasing Reflection of*  
*having*



## To the Reader.

*having been instrumental in serving Mankind.*

*This Business is now become a Refuge to every little Bankrupt, who at first Appearance glares in borrow'd Lays, and blinds the Unthinking Populace into their Ruin; and when the Spring of all their Misfortunes is forgot, they are believ'd to fall Victims to an honest and a different Disease.*

*I have pursu'd my Design in this Edition, to wit, the Discovery of farther Collusions and Impositions upon the Publick; but I shall leave the Reader to consult the Additions at the end of the Book, for his Instructions and Insight into them: I cannot however pass over so barefac'd an Effrontery as is this Arthritick Tincture; surely the Publisher designs to persuade Mankind into a Belief, That he can chime all the Notes upon one Bell: Happy Boldness! and lucky Patients! Had there been some other Tincture, (and  
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he might have pick'd out Numbers of different kinds) some Pretence might have been fram'd; but to cry up the famous Elixir one Day for the Venereal Disease, and, because it serves his turn, to cry up the same individual Tincture for the GOUT another Day, is like the Jingle on Tobacco. So that I do not despair of his following my Advice given in my first Edition of this Book. And as to his Treatise on Canary-Birds, that should be reprinted, because its Use is extensive.

If I have not divulg'd my Secrets in this Edition, I design in some following ones to publish 'em, because then the World will both judge better of my Abilities, and of my good Intentions towards the Publick.

My Perusers will be at some farther Expence for this Edition, than for the former; but the Additions are many, and such as, I hope, will recompense.

## To the Reader.

*I have taken the Freedom to add some few Cases which have happen'd lately to fall under my Hands, where the Reader will see perhaps his own Misfortune as in a Glass; and I the rather have done this, that it may appear I can Act as well as Speak.*

*I have also added some few Remarkables on the GOUT, as Occasional Hints to a farther Design; which I reserve till my leisure Hours.*

*Vouchers with me shall always be look'd on with an indifferent Eye; for Mankind to be subject to Vice, is a grievous Curse entail'd upon 'em; to suffer Sickness from Sin committed, is great Misery; to communicate this Misfortune to one (tho' their Deliverer) is Occasion of Shame and Confusion; but to publish one's Mischance to the whole World, to point out their Abodes, and reveal their Names, is such a Complex of Villany, that, believe me, Readers, tho' it hath been often propos'd, and even desir'd*

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*sir'd of me for my Benefit, I scorn to accept of so base and low a Condescension: For my part, I can hardly think any Motive but Want of Business should induce a Man to such a mean Acceptance, or any thing but meer Poverty (as appears too plainly by several of Mr. Tanner's Vouchers) prevail for such a Compliance.*

*Here I had clos'd my Preface, as formerly; but by an odd Accident meeting with the following Letter, which I keep by me, I thought fit to insert it, in order to acquaint the World how uneasy genteel Reproofs sit upon a Person, who, in his Fifth Edition, persisted in his groundless Scandals, and utter'd the deepest Calumnies. That unjust Treatment manet alta mente repô-  
stum.*

The LETTER was mark'd to my Hand for the Press by the ingenious Author, and is *verbatim* as follows:

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## The Letter.

**W**Henever Dr. Cam's Book is  
advertis'd, I desire to have  
no Advertisement in the Paper *that*  
Day. As for his *Electuarium Mi-*  
*rabile*, I have no Objection against  
it, nor would not have against be-  
ing Advertis'd the same Day with  
his Book, if it were for those *ma-*  
*licious injurious* Lashes he *unjustly*  
gives me in: So that whenever  
those are omitted, I shall have no  
Objection against his Book neither,  
nor any thing else he shall publish  
without Injury to his Neighbour,  
and without endeavouring to build  
his own Edifice upon the Calumny  
and Detraction (*unthinkingly*) cast  
on another, whose Pen and Abilities  
will not knock under to any thing  
ever as yet publish'd by him. What  
he may hereafter publish, perhaps,  
may have more Influence. But  
nevertheless, I wish him very well,  
and

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and I believe he would wish better to himself, if he let his Neighbours alone.

*I am,*

*S I R,*

*Your very humble Servant,*

ANODYNE NECKLACE.

*Had the Author of the Scheme any Title to dictate his Sentiments on Diseases to the World ; had his Education ever been pointed towards Physick ; had he been made a Graduate or a Freeman in Physick, or Surgery, his Mistakes would have been carefully conceal'd : But whereas Divinity and Physick have very different Objects, and Avarice only was the first Handle for his applying to Writing and Advertising, so he writes what he has no*

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Knowledge of, and gets what he has no Title to. *Lasches* then are his Deserts; 'tis the Duty of every honest Man to advise his Friend to avoid Imposition and Collusion: The Author of *The Seven Useful Discourses* has as much Title to write on Diseases, as he has to pronounce Sentence upon the Bench at Westminster; and to be plain with him, acts his Part in that Profession with the same Skill as he would in this. I hope the Reader will give me Credit for this Assertion, till it be judg'd proper to descend to Particulars, when I shall convince the World of the Fallacy and inconsistent Jargon that Pretender makes use of upon all Occasions; his Terms are ill adapted, his Sentiments are wide, his Judgment is erroneous, his Writing a jingle, and the Whole an ill-fram'd Patch-work, if it can deserve the Name of any Coherence at all. As for his hasty Determination in his own Favour, and  
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telling us he is sure his Performances are of a superior Nature to mine; this is, as if an ignorant Censor should give his own Works the Test of Approbation, instead of those of others: And should we expose all our Productions to the World to pass Judgment for us, I am afraid he would be of Lazarus Baif's Opinion, who when advis'd by a Friend to revise his Works, he answer'd, Oh, Sir, do you think a Father, to put his Children in a better Condition, would take Pleasure in breaking their Legs and Arms? For my part, I declare, I have acted sincerely, and am so modest in the Opinion of myself, that if I am fairly advis'd of any Mistake in the Performance, the next Edition shall be the better for it. But, Sir, had you either the Knowledge in Anatomy, in Medicines, or in the Methods of Cure, you would have avoided such fulsom, obsolete, uncouth, improper Expressions; you would have  
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*known how to have express'd yourself in just Terms ; but as the Scheme and your other wonderful Performances are set forth in their Dress at present, all that know Physick are utter Strangers to your Meaning ; for what Physician can find any Meaning where there is none ? So that we may say of your little Works, as Virgil said heretofore of as excellent a Poet as you are a Writer ;*

Qui Bavium non odit, amet tua  
carmina, Mævi.






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CHAP. I.

*Of the Disease in general.*

HE Value each Person ought to put upon himself, should make him so industrious, as to discover Fraud from Sincerity, Chicane from Truth, and Collusion from Good-will. I say, each Person ought to labour from his Infancy



Infancy to extricate himself from the Designs and Traps laid for him: But alas! we come to Maturity, we grow Old, and in some Affairs we are Blind, and continue so for ever. I know not, whether this Blindness be in any thing more common, than it is in the Art of Physick; in this, Men pass Judgment by the Force of their Affections, and not their Judging Faculty: This Man we like, his Conversation is agreeable, his Comportment is genteel, his Air is modish, he is obliging, and in short we love the Person; but let him be thoroughly search'd, his Business has been to study Men, not the dead Letter. Thus sometimes so high runs Affection, we even believe the Person Ignorant, but Charity and Love cover his Defects. I crave no Man's Affection, in order to entrap him; this little Paper-Book I have presented to the Publick, is the Result of a *continued Success for near a quarter of a Century*, in the Cure of the *Venereal Disease*, in its whole Extent.

I fancy it may be no great Honour to assume to myself an *Air of Knowledge* in this Distemper, because the Weakest of Mortals may in that time acquire to himself a competent Observation on the common Symptoms, when his Application

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has been bounded and limited to that Distemper chiefly. Let my Knowledge be to what Degree it can; such has been my Case, that I have confined myself to the Consideration of this Disease for the most part, have made Observations suitable to the time I have practis'd; and I think I have built, upon what I have read, a large Structure, and will be bold to say, (without a Breach of Modesty) *If Authors have discovered no more of this Disease than what they have publish'd, I can range somewhat farther than they have done, and without much Trouble to myself.* By the Word *Authors*, I abstract from *Bills of Fare*, such as the *Practical Scheme*, a Rhapsody of bold Promises, incoherent (and sandy) Matter, mask'd under the fulsome Pretext of following a Philosophy, I am well apprized, the Scribbler has never enter'd the Threshold of.

The Publick may here expect I should descend to Particulars they have never been told of; so I could; but my Business at present is, an Appeal to the World how fairly I have dealt with them in the Publications I have made; and whether I am under the Incapacity some vile designing *Empiricks* (for so I must call such of my Adversaries, as I have hitherto

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spurn'd, who have never been dignified with the Cap) have branded all their Fellow-Advertisers with, for the sake of Gain.

I think it will be needless to let the World into the Secret of the Manner of Infection; this would be to trifle like the *Scheme-maker*; who, in his Pamphlet, pretends to *clinch that Nail, which others had but touch'd*. My Design is to relate Facts I am well assured of, confirm'd with Truth, ripen'd by Experience into a *certain Method*, which I am sure is far from smelling of the Quack. I need no Attestation to what I shall advance, nor is it necessary to court any *Chamberlen* for what I affirm; nor do I think it reasonable, any Gentleman of a Faculty should prostitute his Name to my Account; nor do I design to work by Collusion: No Sirs, I know no Necessity I am under for such a crafty Procedure.

As soon as a Person has convers'd with any one Infected, he commences also Unfortunate; the Infection being Local, the Part of Contact is the Seat of the Disease at first, and by *Neglect is daily more* propagated:

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----- *Unless strong Nature still  
Exerts itself, and then throws off the Ill.*

But how seldom this happens in our  
Isle, I leave it to any indifferently skill'd  
to pronounce for me.

The Combatants untainted suffer by  
the Friction; the Torch is kindled at the  
Fire, which costs much Pains to extin-  
guish.

If the *Vagina* is infected with Ulcers;  
their Linnen must be stain'd Greenish or  
Yellowish; and they scarce can bear the  
Coition without a wry Brow: As for the  
Males, they also are easily discover'd, if  
warily ey'd; and 'twould be amazing to  
me, to find so many sad Examples, if  
Passion did not blind our Conscience and  
our Reason. *I cou'd give Instances how  
to discover any Degree of Infection, and  
consequently how to guard Mortals  
from it; Nay, how to know whether  
Artifice were not used, to patch up a Mi-  
stress for the Battle:* But all this ought to  
be conceal'd from the Publick, lest we  
should seem to encourage Vice. I shall in  
short give a Description how a Patient  
may know his Degree of Infection, and  
how reasonable it may be for him to make  
a serious Application in Season.

A *Clap* is discover'd from the following Signs ; a Pain and Scalding whilst they make Water ; Matter of various Colours runs out continually ; there is a Pain upon squeezing the Part ; there's an Erection often in a Day ; Ulcers in the *Urethra* ; the *Penis* swells ; is crooked especially upon Erection ; they cannot stand close with their Thighs, because of the Pain of the *Penis* ; Ulcers often *seize* on the *Glans* or *Prepuce* ; all these Symptoms are Attendants upon an infectious Copulation : But whether this Matter Infecting be an *Acid* or an *Alkali*, I think is scarce worth while to enquire into, *much less is it to the Purpose to affirm with the Garway Scheme-Maker, Mr. Tanner, that an Alkali has changed its Nature into Acid*, which is a Leap Principles (if he thinks them such) never take, and a Piece of Philosophy, which is neither new nor old, and consequently not learnt Abroad nor at Home. I look upon this Quality to be *Acrimonious*, because we do indeed find many convincing Proofs of it ; but to what *Species* of Acrimony 'tis referrible, I can tell this *Divine* 'tis not in his Province to enquire into ; nor is it known, but from some Consequences, which are best judg'd of, from an Experience he is not Master of.

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When the Infected have sat patiently down under their Misfortune for some time, which they often do, if their Scalding of Urine or *Dysury* be moderate; the Infection steals upon them, and produces other Symptoms about the Parts first charged with the venomous Particles; so that now not only the *Urethra*, the *Glans*, the *Prepuce*, and the *Penis*, are affected, but also the *Prostate Glands*, the *Gallus Gallinaceus*, the *Testicles*, the *preparing Vessels*, the *Groin*, and the *Anus*, begin to suffer by their Proximity or Nearness, as will be made appear: For how otherwise happens it, that the Patients by a supine Neglect sometimes never recover from a *Gleet* all their Lives after? I have endeavour'd in vain to cure *Gleets* of 20 Years standing, which I am now wiser than to attempt when I have examin'd them, as Experience has taught me to do; and know them by a certain Rule I have, to distinguish whether they are really incurable; which however, in others, I can cure, tho' of any Date.

A *Phymosis* and *Paraphymosis*, are Symptoms on the Prepuce; in the first, the Fore-Skin is so tumid, that it won't be brought behind the Nut; in the latter, it can't be brought forwards to cover the Nut;

Nut; they are mostly watery Tumours, and call'd *CrySTALLINES*, tho' I have seen them of another Species, and inclinable to a *Scirrhus*, particularly by Mismanagement.

I think no one need be told, that the *Testicles* are swell'd; but for their Inflammation we know it by a Tumour there, and a throbbing Pain, daily increasing till it turns into an Imposthume (if the Patient be foolish and wilful.)

The *Anus* is often beset with Warts or other Scirrhus or Cancerous Tumours, as well as the *Glans* is with *Shankers*, and which are equally troublesome and dangerous. The former are Tubercles, Excrescences, or hard Tumours, which seize the Verge of the *Anus*, and are callous and hard to the Touch. The latter are hard Ulcers upon the *Prepuce* or *Glans*, which also are in the *Vagina*; and I have seen them as large as a Chesnut: They who have the latter, can never be safe without the Grand Cure, because they are Signs of a radicated *Lues*: And let the Continuance of the Infection be how small soever; yet if these appear, it is a sure Sign of certain Footing.

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The *Groin* is attack'd with *Buboes*, which are a Critical Tumour and Inflammation, which tends often, or ought so to do, to an Abscess, and by breaking, carries off Part of the Venom out of the Body, and sometimes the Whole, if artfully managed.

We have seen the Patients troubled with the *Hernia Varicosa*, where the Vessels are crowded with Humours, and their Substance is thicken'd and harden'd sometimes so much, that there's no Possibility of reducing them to their usual Size by the nicest Management; for they will, all their Life after, have these Vessels more turgid than usual.

As soon as the Venom has left the Secret Parts, and is lick'd up into the Blood-Vessels, then it circulates along with the Blood into all the Parts of the Body, and produces every Symptom producible by a vitiated Blood, such as Pains, Pustules, Ulcers, Itchings, Tetters, &c. for as the Acrimony, with which the Blood is tainted, makes the *Globules* of a Size which do not, in circulating, yield as it ought to do, for want of a due Elasticity, they are apt to stick close to the little Arteries or Fibres, which they cannot pass thro'; and thus, according to their Degree of  
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Acrimony, they either give us troublesome Sensations, which are often, in the beginning, not lasting ; or at other times they are deeply engaged in the *Capillaries* ; and the Blood being very much tainted or charged with Salts, Ulcers and such Symptoms are produced.

At last, when the Venom has been a long Sojourner in the Fluids, it begins to affect the Solids, and particularly the *Nerves* and *Bones*. This is a dismal Scene indeed, and many a Bill of Mortality is hid under the Name of a gentle Decay, and a Consumption, which had its Beginning in the Stews. Now *Convulsions*, *Consumptions*, *Palsies*, *Apoplexies*, then *Nodes*, *Caries*, *Spina Ventosa*, the Falling of the *Os Palati*, and the Nose, and such melancholy Scenes are carried on ; and why all these and more, but because now we are crush'd with the Quantity of the Poison, as well as the Quality of it ? For there is as much Difference between this last Degree and the first, as there is between the Effects of a Pound of diluted *Aqua-fortis*, and two Pounds of the most concentrated Spirit of this same Acid, where the first may even be brought down to a Degree of being swallowed, whereas the latter destroys in a small Quantity.

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I say not this to declare my Sentiments on the *Species* of Acrimony, but on the Difference of Quantity and Quality. To set about to explain to my Reader, the Manner how those Accidents come on, would be perhaps to talk like a *Scholar*, more than a *Practitioner*; but my Aim is rather to be accounted the latter. However, that the Reader may have some Glympse into the Nature of the Malady, I may venture to say, that it is safe in Diseases to argue from the Effects to their Cause; and as Ulcerations do often con-comitate the Venereal Disease, which yield upon certain Applications, we knowing the Nature of the Medicines applied, may give probable Conjectures at the Quality offending: In such Cases therefore we need only give a short Catalogue of the Remedies in use for the Venereal Disease, and draw a Conclusion from thence concerning the Nature of it. The *Virus* communicated is taken off by Medicines of a contrary Quality; for this is the proper Characteristick of a Remedy, if in the Disease certain Medicines are administered which exasperate it, we may safely conclude that these Medicines are of a like Nature with the Particles which gave

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the first Rise to it. Therefore on the other hand, if certain Medicines are given or used which take off the Malady, we may equally conclude that these Remedies are of a contrary Nature to the Poison.

The Medicines usually given in this Disease are Mercurials, Guaiacum, Sassafras, China, Sarsa, Juniper, Zedoary, Antimonials, Volatile Salts, and Aromatick Oils: I speak of the Alteratives only or chiefly.

Now the Simples named are Drugs, consisting either of Volatile or fix'd Salts, or Oils: It cannot so safely be concluded on, that the Cause of the Disease is a *Corrosive Acid*, from the Relief receiv'd from smooth and oily Remedies, because these smooth Drugs do equally relieve Symptoms arising from a *Corrosive Alkali*, inasmuch as they imbibe the corrosive Particles of both alike: But it is a Demonstration that its Acrimony is *Acid*, when Volatile and fix'd Salts relieve the Symptoms of the Disease; because Experience convinces us, that these Salts are diametrically opposite to each other.

Nor can it be any Objection, at least of any Force, to say that some *Acid Remedies* are found to relieve some particular



cular Symptoms which retain to this Disease; since we all know some *Acid* Remedies to be contrary to other *Acids*, and are therefore known by Experience, our best and surest Guide in Physical Matters, to be of a *Subalcaline Nature* in regard to the other *Acid*. Consult Dr. *Grew on Mixtures*, and you will be agreeably instructed in this Affair. Moreover, in some Symptoms of this Disease, it is not worth the Dispute whether an *Alcaline* or an *Acid* be apply'd, upon Condition that both be *Corrosive*; because in *Fungus's* or *Callus's*, the Fibres are to be eroded or quite eat away. Now it is indifferent in this what *Caustick* is used, since a Correction of the Juices is not the Question in hand, but a Consumption of the Fibres; and as that is indiscriminately done by either, it is the Operator's Business to effect it with the least Trouble, and the least Hazard.

I cannot tell whether any one who follows this Business, has better Pretensions to it than myself, because the Numbers I have had under my Care, have made me endeavour at proper Methods to relieve them and support myself, and I thank God I have effected Both: *I am sure then, I have no occasion, like the*

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Scheme-Maker, in his Directions, to desire any to draw up an Advertisement, and say unknown to the Author, and they shall be refunded the Price of the Advertisement, and shall have a Guinea for a Pair of Gloves for so doing, because this is an Effrontery not to be equal'd: For what poor Wretch having bought a dear Remedy, would not be glad to regain his lost Money at any rate? And this is the Reason why so many Certificates appear in favour (as one would imagine) of the *Specifick Remedy*, when in Truth they are only *Claims* put in, to recover their Money sunk in an useless Remedy; so that these poor Miscreants (for such these Claimants generally are) are repaid for *Hush-Money* and gross *Impositions*: Nay, we have known it advertised, that such an one (who had been as dead as *Julius Caesar* for above half a Year before) was recover'd by, &c. *Si populus vult decipi, decipiatur.*

But the Readers will be pleas'd to find here in the following Chapter, most of the Symptoms in such Order as they invade them, that they may at one View know their Condition, and apply seriously for their Recovery.

## C H A P. II.

*Of the Symptoms.*

**F**IRST then, *A Clap* or *Gonorrhœa Virulenta*, which the *French* call *Chaupe-pisse*, has generally a vast Heat of Urine attending it. I need not tell my Reader, that Ulcers in the whole Passage sometimes cannot bear the sharp Urine gliding over it, and grating it; and therefore till these Ulcers are some way benumm'd or cur'd, we find this Symptom seldom ceases entirely.

*Shankers* are hard and callous Ulcers on the *Glans*, or *Prepuce*, or both; which are sometimes so large as to equal a Chesnut, and give the Operator and Patient much Trouble, for that they must in some Cases be cut away. I shall not say more here, only referr you to what I shall observe hereafter.

*Bubo's*: They are Inflammations on the *Groin*; 'tis a sort of an After-game, and a piece of Good-luck; for 'tis much better

better this Part should be seiz'd than the Internal ones ; because by Impostumating, the Humour is in great measure thrown out this way ; which it could not, if it seiz'd on the *Viscera*.

*Inflam'd Testicles* : All Tumours are raised, because more is brought to a Part than can be reconvey'd ; and therefore when I name an Inflammation, I suppose some sort of Obstruction ; and if any one throws into a *Distractile Syphon* a Quantity of Liquor by a Syringe, you will see it rise and settle. Why swells it, but because the Part is drawn up by the Quantity not passing on hastily enough ? And why settles it, but because now it passes freely on ?

*Caruncles* are known by pissing in a double Stream, or an Obstruction of making Water : They are fleshy Excrescences in the *Urethra*, (I have sometimes known them at the Neck of the Bladder, and this is dangerous) arising from the ulcerated Parts turning *Fungous* ; and at last this *Fungus* (from a peculiar Acrimony in the Humours) becomes even *Scirrhus* or *Cancerous*.

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*Stranguries* are occasion'd by the Salts of the Urine pricking the ulcerated Parts, and thus corrugating and exasperating them; and as a sharp Instrument fails not to gall and irritate the Part 'tis fix'd in, this Humour in like manner, according to its Figure and Durity, fixes in some Corner of the ulcerated Part, and there galls till it is obtunded by the *Mucus* spew'd out of the *Glands* of the Urinary Passage. *Dysuries* and *Stranguries* differ by Degrees only; but both are a Sharpness and Heat of Urine.

*Nocturnal Pains* arise from the Heat of the Bed, which occasions a brisker Motion of the Fluids around the Body, and particularly on the Surface: If the Salts (which by this Heat are melted) be gentle, then such only feel a Tingling and Uneasiness on the Surface of the Skin; but if they are very sharp and corrosive, instead of tingling, they pinch us prodigiously, and bring on Pains.

*Erosions of the Bones of the Palate:* When the Humours have been suffer'd to lodge for a long Space of Time, without due Care, what Wonder if they corrode the Parts? For as this Ferment is of  
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such a Nature, as every day to grow more corrosive than other, we must naturally conclude, the longer it lodges on any Part, the more Mischief it does: Why then should we wonder at such a Disfiguration?

*Nodes* are hard Tumours on the Bones: However there are Degrees of them; for when they begin, they are softish, and are then term'd *Gumma's*; and, in the Head, *Talpa's* or *Topinaria's*; but when confirm'd, they are *Nodes* and *Exostoses*; they arise from the Lodgment of Humours on the Bones or near them, because some of these Tumours appear at first to be *Cystical*, and others seem to, and really do, grow on the Bones.

*Phymosis, Paraphymosis.* I have already taken Notice, that these are Faults on the *Prepuce*; and if the Patient's *Penis* is so fram'd, as always to be cover'd or uncover'd, these Accidents seize them; for the Symptom is but a Tumour diversify'd by this Structure.

*Cordee*, is a *French* Word, signifying a *String* or *Cord*; and what they call *Chaudépisse Cordee*, is a *Clap* with an Inflammation

tion on the *Penis* ; but we never take it in any other Sense, than when the *Frænum* is drawn downwards, and the Erection, which is troublesome at this time, cords the *Penis* around, and on the side of the *Frænum*, with exquisite Pain ; so that as Erection is unavoidable, from numerous Causes and Irritations, therefore is also the Pain following it.

*Scabs or Blotches* : These Eruptions are occasion'd from the Humours stopt and confirm'd ; and as an Acrimony may be wrapt up in gross Particles, so this Viscidity occasions an Impediment to the Circulation in the small Vessels (which we call *Capillaries*) : When they have rested here some time, then their Acrimony begins to exert itself, and gradually inflames, throbs, and at last throws itself into the Surface of the Skin in Blotches and Scabs.

*Disorders from the Blood, and Nervous Disorders.* When the Venom has deserted the *Genitalia*, it creeps gradually and insensibly into our Vessels, and then corrupts all our Juices, and changes them into *Caustical ones* ; and as the Blood soon corrupts the Spirits, so bad Blood soon

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hurries on bad Spirits ; therefore when the Blood is tainted, Crowds of Diseases attend a Patient thus unfortunate, and they every Day more than other begin to look Pale and grow Lean, because Nutrition is not rightly perform'd ; for how shou'd a Body be nourish'd with Particles so *keen-edg'd* ? How can they be apply'd with Advantage, when they are utter Enemies to it ? How can they grow without lodging there firmly ? And if they do lodge, instead of nourishing, they pare them off, and even grate the very Bowels unmercifully. Thus Diseases grow up instead of Nutriment, and at last *jam seges est ubi Troja fuit* ; nothing but Destruction and Death attend them. I shrink at the Thoughts of the innumerable Disasters springing up from the Blood tainted : But when I consider that the Venom is deeper sunk, even so far as into the Nerves themselves, I am yet more in Concern for such Neglects ; and I must here acquaint my Reader, that 'tis not the poor Patients are always only to be blam'd for these unhappy Cases ; for I have known many who have run the Gauntlet of Physick under ignorant Hands, who have lock'd the Door, and suffer'd the Thief to ravage within ;



within; or even have sometimes overdone the Matter, and ignorantly thrown their Patients into Nervous Distempers.

*Lastly*, I must observe to you, that tho' these are the *Common Symptoms*, yet they are far from being the Complement, since Defluxions on the Throat, Coughs, Night-Sweats, Lassitudes, Pains of the Back, Leanness, Consumptions, Fissures any where, Falling off of the Nails, Cruetiness on the Skin, *Polypus's*, Piles, a cancerous Thrush, Tetters on the Privities, Melancholies, Madnesses; the *Alopecia* or Falling off of the Hair, *Ficus*, *Condylomata*, *Mariscæ* on the *Anus* and its Verge; nay, we have seen some Hypochondriacal, others Phrenetick; we have often observ'd *Heeticks*, *Vertigo's*, Dropsies, Deafness, Blindness, Palsies, *Epilepsies*, all sorts of Breakings out, *Dysenteries*, Fluxes, *Diabetes*; and in short, there is hardly any Distemper which this malignant and acrimonious Humour does not bring on; and the Reason I think is pretty plain, because all these Distempers are only some Share or Parcel of this Humour, fix'd on some one or more of the *Viscera* or Parts; which settling there, frets and exasperates the *Parenchy-*

*ma* of the Part seized, and either raises Exulcerations, Evacuations, Commotions, Tumours, Eruptions, *Caries*, and many such Disorders; or its *Tenacity* blocks up the Passages, and then it raises all Disorders which take their Rise from Obstructions; and then the Parts are not irradiated by the Spirits; whereupon Fallings off of the Hair, Palsies, *Gutta Serena's*, and thousands of other Distempers follow, which I neither am at Leisure to nominate, nor cou'd they be comprehended within a moderate Compass; *Mille modis morimur*.

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### C H A P. III.

#### *Of the Prognosticks.*

**T**HAT such whose Hands this little Pamphlet may fall into, may conceive their Disorder somewhat more readily, I shall annex some short Prognosticks on their Condition.

As to such who are seiz'd with the various Symptoms of a *Gonorrhæa*, or  
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other Disorders about the *Genitals*; unless their Blood have been violently tainted before with sharp Humours; if the Disorder be fresh and newly received, they recover with good Management very readily; and I cannot but be surprized to meet with so many in this City, who have labour'd under common Symptoms, easily to be remedied; and yet such hath been their Misfortune, that they have stalk'd thro' some Courses of Physick; they have taken *Pills*, *Bolus's* and *Electuaries*, *Elixirs*, *Specificks*, and the Lord knows what, to no manner of purpose, but to plunge them deeper in the Mire; and in short, they have by these promising Medicines been seemingly cured of their *Clap*, and have barter'd it for a *Pox*. This I speak upon Experience; and I must frankly own, I know not how it should fall out otherwise, if we speak of such Medicines as are commonly disposed of at *Toyshops*; because the Patient is given to understand his Case by a false Glimmer, he proceeds by *stated Directions*, the *Boot is ready made*, and it must fit every *Man's Leg*. Now how ridiculous this Procedure is, will be evident upon taking a View of one Case I shall remark: Some People

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will have *Shankers* in a confirm'd Pox, and which the common Methods of *Turpentine* and *Mercury*, mention'd by Doctor *Cockburn*, will relieve indeed ; but your Case becomes desperate thereby ; for the common Operator (I talk not of Artists) will glory of a Victory, when his Enemy has retreated ; whereas in Truth his Disappearance is for no other End but to proceed by Sap, and undermine the Foundation ; for the Blood being charg'd with a large Stock of sharp and corroding Humours, enters the Bones, and lurks in them, and either produces *Caries*, *Spina Ventosa*, or *Nodes* ; and then, to their Cost, they take hasty Measures, and come to the Grand Cure : However, if it be an old *Gonorrhœa*, or the Blood be much tainted, (as it is in some *Scorbutick Persons*) then indeed more than ordinary Care is required, and the Patient must be narrowly look'd after, and the Cure varies according to the Degree ; which it is impossible to describe, and as impossible to be relieved by Medicines prepared by *Bopeep Doctors*, who never appear, nor are solicitous about the Matter, so long as their *Specificks* sell well ; and who, if they did appear, know nothing of the Case, unless perhaps what is

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in their Pamphlets, which they have rifled *Blegny*, *Cockburn*, or some Writer or *Pamphleteer* for ; such are the Reverse of what is requir'd ; for instead of knowing more than their Writings contain, they know less, and even nothing of the Matter, and therefore lie conceal'd : Such Patients then must appear at the Bar, and take the Physician or Surgeon as Judges in the Case, must by their Assistance prove the Degree of Damages, and the Assailant must be oblig'd to quit Costs : In short, they must apply to their Deliverer seriously, and follow his Directions obsequiously.

If the first Degree of this Venom requires such an exquisite Care, what must the more rooted Degrees of it demand ? Surely double and treble. I don't know that the Husbandman would trust his Brutes to the Hazard of a Receipt, but the Experienc'd Cow-Doctor must be call'd in to remedy the Disease ; and how it comes that we trust to those Toy-shop *Medicasters*, who pretend to Receipts only, (as many there be in this City) is amazing ! I must then observe to you, that if in this Degree the Excretory Ducts of the *Prostatæ* (or *Glands* in the Urinary Passage, which spew out upon Occasion,

a glutinous, colourless Substance) are eroded or eaten away by the Acrimony of the Humours; or also, if farther, the Mouths of the *Vesiculæ Seminales* (or long Tortuous Membranes which hold the true Seed) are gnawn by this same Humour; then there remains a perpetual *Flux*, and sometimes 'tis so large as to evacuate large Quantities, and emaciate the Patients, and brings on the *Tabes Dorsalis*, and kills them. However, we know not how to remedy these Evils, and therefore they lead an uncomfortable Life, because they are incurable; we have seen such a Case in the Dissection of an executed Person: In the same manner is it with Women whose *Lacunæ* are eroded; for then whatever *Ichor* arrives at their Mouths, is thrown out, and this cannot be remedied, as we have known some who have undergone several Salivations for this purpose, without any Advantage; and if the Undertaker had been skilful or honest, there wou'd have been no need to have treated these unhappy Mortals so roughly, since the Disorder was Local; and if Application would not succeed, nothing wou'd.

Some Symptoms indeed are wholesome; so a *Bubo* appearing, if it suppurate, the  
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Venom is eradicated, and the Patient recovers with little Trouble; nay, and sometimes a *Gonorrhæa* runs off in warmer Climes, but seldom or never with us in these cold Climates. In fine, the Consequences of this Disease bear a Proportion with the Continuance of it, with the Intemperies of the Blood and Juices, with the Nature of the Soil, and with the Number of the Symptoms: For the fresher a *Pox* or a *Gonorrhæa* are, the easier are they remedied. Phlegmatick Persons, as well as Spleneticks, are hard to be cured.

Whoever are sickly or weak, undergo great Hazards, because the Evacuations necessary to carry off a great Part of this Disease, cannot in these Circumstances be made use of.

A *Pox*, accompany'd with a Hoarseness, is hard to be taken off, and in a more particular manner if it is attended with a *Caries* of the Bones. Every *Pox* or *Gonorrhæa* is dangerous, especially when accompany'd with a Tumour of the *Penis* and a Stench of the Matter, and if Ulcers or Caruncles are sprung up in the *Urethra*.

Ulcers of the Palate, Nose or Throat, are more easily cured than those in the *Anus*; because the latter turn *Sinuous*, and the Humours are sharp and cachectical,

cal, so that there can remain no Hopes but in the last Remedy; whereas the former are often superficial only, and then they may be remedied by external Applications: However it is confessed, that the former in our Clime are also very hard to eradicate, particularly if the Bones be any way eroded.

Leanness and Barrenness do often follow this Malady; the first, because there can be no Nourishment without a Balsamick Blood; and the latter, because the Vigour of the Parts is injur'd; but I am not fully at liberty to give in all the Reasons I could produce on this Head: I shall only observe to you, that whenever the Physician is apprized of the Method of Cure in the nice Manner he ought, I can by Experience assure my Reader, there is no Hazard in the latter Point.

Women are less afflicted with this Disease than Men, because their Monthly Purgations free them of a great many noxious Humours which are retain'd in Men.

Altho' most Physicians have told us, that the Seasons, particularly the Winter, have an Effect upon Bodies thus diseased; yet I could never find this true, farther  
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than that Medicines may be better given in warm Weather than in cold; but how easily this is remedied, need not be mentioned.

The severest Relick of a virulent *Gonorrhœa* is a simple one: Here many Remedies are try'd without Success, if any Part of the *Veru Montanum* be eroded; which is undoubtedly the Case, where Glutinous Remedies, Stypticks, and even Injections, have fail'd of Success: In this Circumstance I would advise the Patients to the continued and unwearied taking of certain Specificks, which I forbear to name in these Papers; by the Use of which I have prevented that Species of Consumption called the *Tabes Dorsalis*, whose dire Effects are Loss of Virility, and of all that follows from thence; of which enough: And since it is not in our Power to remedy this Symptom, yet it is fully in our Power to prevent any ill Consequence from it.

*Asthmas* are dangerous in the Venereal Disease; because if once the corrosive Particles are lodged in any principal *Viscera*, it is almost impossible to eradicate them, by reason of the Tenderneſs of the Parts, and the quick Advances of the Ravages made in those Parts.

*Fluxes* do often follow an inveterate Pox; and as they are the last Symptom in most Diseases, so here, where the Acrimony is so manifestly corrosive, what Ills do they not bode?

I have been more particular in this Edition, concerning the Events of this Distemper; because I find some fool-hardy enough to slight the Disease, and let it run dangerous Lengths, before they apply themselves; and are too apt afterwards to excuse their own Neglects, and calumniate the Physician or Surgeon, if they are not in as perfect a State of Health as they were before Infection: But how unjust will this Calumny appear to any Person who considers, that it is not in the Power of a Physician to frame new Parts, nor so to eradicate all the Taint of an inveterate Pox in such Persons, but that Scurvies may in certain Constitutions sprout up annually for their whole Lives after. However this Comfort may be promis'd them, that if they apply to Judicious Men, they may lead a Life tolerably easy, free from dangerous Maladies, and spin it out to Length enough, if they are contented so to do; but they must avoid all Extremes both in Diet and Medicine.

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Where the Blood is tainted, more Care is to be taken of this Leaven ; for if neglected, the Disease grows apace, and enters the solid Parts, and destroys us. Hence due Regard had to the Taint, (of what *Species* cannot be determin'd) but by Sight of the Patient, by proper and *Specific* Remedies, the Humour is either corrected, or else thrown off by proper Emunctories, and the Patient may be relieved in a Month's time with Safety, Privacy and Pleasure.

Where the last Degree is, then any one, the least skill'd, may know the Fate of these Unfortunates ; for what Trouble attends not rotten Bones, some of which are curable, others not at all ? For such, which are hollow, and contain a *Medullar* Substance, will, with Time and Care, exfoliate and be cured ; but if the *porous Bones* are tainted, (unless very superficially so) such as the *Rotula*, the *Patella*, the *Articulations*, the *Os Calcaneum*, and those spongy Bones thereabouts, the *Scull*, and in short such Bones as are *Cellular* ; how can we remedy them ?

No, ye Unfortunate, deceive not yourselves with vain and promising *Airs*, the *Operators* flatter ye with ; all this is *Grimace*;

*mace*, and poor Policy, level'd at enriching themselves with your Spoil ; but if you applied in Rags to them, their true Judgment (if they have any) wou'd appear.

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## CHAP IV.

### *Of the Cure.*

**I**T would be in vain to split this Disease into so many trailing Divisions, and thus to make the Cure of it appear intricate ; for in Truth, the Parts are only affected around the Genitals, or the Juices and the Solids are also tainted ; so that whoever considers what I have said, will soon be Master of the Methods.

When it seizes in the Form of a *Gonorrhœa*, the Methods of Cure are the following ; the Ulcer of the *Urethra* indicates *Deterision* and *Cleansing* : When this is sufficiently done, we must incarn ; or if this be look'd on as too tedious, we must cicatrize : But I look upon it as necessary to be somewhat slow in this last Indication ; and tho' this Caution has  
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been slighted by many Persons, yet how many Complaints do we daily meet with in this City, for want of such a Piece of Justice? I can't but acknowledge there are short Methods of Curing, and easier than what we ordinarily find used by many unskilful Men: But as each Man seems to glory in his own Skill in this Point, I believe it would be in vain to endeavour to persuade some Men to proceed in a manner more Christian than they do: If they wou'd obey me, I do assure them, I wou'd avoid all dangerous Proceedings: I wou'd not with one *use Sublimate Water* internally, and chouse the too Credulous out of their Money, (for so I must call selling a *Pint of this Water for a Guinea*) and at the same time endanger their Persons; for who does not know that *Sublimate* is rank Poison? I only desire the Reader wou'd consult the most learned Dr. *Mead* on Poisons upon this Head, and see what Consequences attend the giving of it internally; and I believe I shall terrify all honest Men from administering it, and such as value their Lives from taking it; and that what is advanced by me here, is not said *Gratis*, or out of Envy, the Reader shall be convinc'd of, by his Senses, before

before I leave this Discourse. Nor wou'd I with others give *Mercurius Vita*, *Green Precipitate*, and many more such dangerous Medicines, daily too much used in this Town; for in Truth, there is no Necessity, that Persons to be cured of one Evil, should be thrown headlong into others, equally hazardous; and therefore I avoid (as much as in me lies) all such *Devious* Practices. These are the *Harsh* Methods used in Town; and I should be sorry that Men of Learning, and supposed Knowledge, should be found Guilty of what I condemn: I wish they may not, for their Patients Sakes as well as their own; they must expect the fatal Consequences which follow such Usage, and which they need not be advertised of, as knowing them as well as myself.

It would be too frivolous to tell the World of giving *Catharticks*, such as *Rosin of Jalap*, *Mercurius Dulcis*, *Pilula Cochiae*, *Rudii*, *Ruffi*, *Rosin of Scammony*, or *Guaiacum*, and such like; it would be trifling to tell you, that *Balsams of Capi-vi*, *Peru*, of *Chili*, of *Gilead*, are useful to cleanse the ulcerated Part, or that *Tinctures* made of these *Rosins* or *Balsams*, are much used by some as

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wonderful Secrets to cure and chouse the Vulgar withal: I shall not trouble my Reader to descant upon *Os Sepiæ*, *Crocus Martis astringens*, *Sal Martis*, *Saccharum Saturni*, *Oleum Martis per deliquium*, boil'd *Turpentine*, some fashionable Jellies, which are fram'd for the completing the Cure; nor shall I mention the Injections of *Mercurius Dulcis*, with *Mel Rosarum* and *Plantane Water*, nor of *Decoctions* of *Roses*, *Balaustines*, *Vitriol*, *Saccharum Saturni*, and such like; because they are to be met with in every Writer on this Distemper: But I shall frankly own some have been modest, but many more have exceeded all Bounds on this Head; I shall for my part study to say so little on this Point, that may offend Modesty, or prove an *Incentive*, that I hope I shall have nothing to answer for, either to a *Superior Being*, or to any Court of Judicature; and I wish some, who otherwise want not Parts enough to distinguish themselves, would avoid this Ungentleman, as well as Unchristian Demeanour. But *Quo semel est imbuta recens servabit odorem Testa diu.*

As for *Shankers*, I shall not mention how some use *Cathereticks*, in order to eradicate them along with the general

Methods to keep us safe. I know in *Caruncles*, the common Methods are Eradication by Cathereticks on Candles. *Bubo's* we all know are treated with Suppurative Pultises or Plaisters, or the Lancet is at last made use of: We know that Heat of Urine is allay'd by *Mucilages*, by *Sal Prunellæ*, by Opiates, and other Methods of Cure. I need not trouble my Reader to inculcate to him, that *Cordees* are alleviated by *Anodyne Fetus's* or *Cataplasms*: I shall, I say, lay aside all these Considerations, they having been canvassed by all Writers even to a Loathing: But I shall make the Reader observe, that my Method is easy and safe, quick and certain; and tho' I can brag as well as others of my *Electuary* and its Salutiferous Effects, because I have try'd it above these twenty Years successfully; yet I am not altogether so vain nor empirical as to tell the World this Medicine does never fail; only I shall inform you and desire you to give an attentive Ear to what I am about to say, *That if I manage this Electuarium Mirabile myself, I will give any Person who tries it, double the Value, if it ever fail to cure the first Degree of Infection*: And as for the rest, I do suppose they will apply, otherwise I

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do faithfully assure them, 'tis hardly possible for them to recover truly ; for some unfortunate Reliques will sooner or later grasp them too close ever to be rid of their Misfortune, unless by a skilful Hand. I would then have my Readers to observe, that what is possible to be done by one Medicine, this *Electuary* will effect ; it evacuates the Humours gently ; it revulses from the Part affected, and draws it off ; it obtunds the acrimonious Humour ; it destroys the Venom in Bud, and all this with Ease, Safety, and Consistence with the nicest Reputation. But as every one cries up his own Secret and *Nostrum*, 'tis natural for them to decry other Mens, and therefore has this undergone that Fate ; but how unjustly, appears, because it has surviv'd all Envy, and will continue so to do ; *and so it is with all excellent things : If they are Good, nothing will sink their Credit ; if they are Bad, nothing will make them continue.*

In case the Venom has tainted the Blood, and begins to produce such Symptoms as I have already named, an easy Matter will not complete the Cure ; for then we must have Recourse to more potent Remedies, either to *evacuate roundly*, or to *alter strongly* ; and even this Method

will not answer, without Regard had to the Parts too much injur'd by the Venom deep sunk into them.

However, my Reader must not misapprehend me in saying we must cure by *strong Remedies*; for I can understand the Word *strong* in no other Sense than this, to wit, that the Cure must be proportion'd to the Quantity of Poison in our Veins, and Strength in our Patients; and if the *former* be in such a Quantity as cannot be eradicated without exhausting the *latter*; who does not see the Danger? However, even then, there are certain Ways and Means unknown to common Managers, to be made use of, in order to retrieve the Patients, as I may say *Invitâ Minervâ*; which I know myself under no Obligation to discover; only such as fall into my Management, and under my Care, will experience even in this Desperate Case Safety and Comfort, not to be met with from many: For to eradicate a Disease, is to be well instructed in the Causes of that Disease by Reason and Experience: Neither alone can be sufficient. By the Causes, I mean all that is contain'd within our Bowels and Vessels. Now how is it possible for Persons not train'd up in the Investigation of

of the Causes, to lay Symptoms related together, so as to help his Imagination to conceive what is the individual Ailment? I am sure, without this it is impossible for any Physician to assert what his Patient ails; and then I am sure he must be at a loss to know what to do or how to relieve; and as there is an infinite Number of Symptoms which direct us in the Methods we are to pursue, who but the Experienced can venture to act with Safety? and who but the Ignorant will suffer under ill Managers? I hope this little Treatise will plead for my Knowledge, whilst my Success will secure Patients from my Enemies.

Some will expect me in this Place to make Excursions, and to discourse to them of the Method of Cure by *Diaphoreticks*: I know in Foreign Countries, they are very fond of this Method of Cure; and in the *Indies*, from whence we received this venomous Disease, they entirely depend on this Method; nay, and even in this Town some boast of their Royal Decoctions, or *Diet Drinks*, and order them to be taken plentifully, and religiously confine you to Roast Meat and dry Victuals, and poor Fare at Night, and order their Drinks to be swallow'd  
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down in such a plentiful manner, that they either evaporate your Blood to a Cinder and a *Caput Mortuum*, or at least endanger a Fever: We hear of all that have the good Fortune to escape; but who sink? they are perfectly hush in that. Others believe it necessary in these last Extremities, to have recourse to violent Vomits, and never think the Disease'd can be too roughly treated for the sake of the Disease: *Festina lentè* is my *Motto*; I am for making no more Haste than good Speed; for 'tis very usual to hear these Pretenders murder at once the *Disease* and the *Diseased*: I wou'd indeed murder the Disease, and can do it; but they kill two Birds with one Stone.

I am not a little surprized to find some of Opinion, that *Salivations* are little to the purpose, if not rais'd by *Unction*, and unless they spit two or three Quarts in a Day! *Quisque sensu suo abundet*. I shall not endeavour to dispossess these Gentlemen of the good Opinion they have of themselves, for I know no body that loves to be contradicted; but I shall only say, I act otherwise, and gain my Point; and if they always do so, I wish them much Joy; I shou'd not submit myself



myself to such a rude Management, neither shall my Patients be treated so roughly. The Disease does not vanish, nor is it reputed to do so, unless the *Symptoms disappear*; and whenever they do, for a small Space of Time we need go no farther; (what is done over and above, is at the Expence of their Lives or Spirits); for what will do this, will leave a small Relique at most, which may be otherwise handled by a Person moderately skill'd; and in this I appeal to all such as practise Physick or Surgery.

I am sensible that Physicians have inculcated to us, that a Disease is cured when its principal Symptoms disappear; and if the Cure, be it by what Method you please to name, be firm, the Symptoms will never return. I can't say but we may sometimes be deceiv'd in this Affair; but the Patients ought to know their Person, that he be a Man of Integrity as well as of Knowledge: For Instance, a slight Salivation may take off the *Ulcers*, *Shankers*, the *Scabs*, the *Nocturnal Pains*, the *virulent Running*: And should an unskilful Manager cease here, they would all return with equal Violence in a certain Space of Time; whereas it is sufficient to a skilful Person  
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that they disappear: The Residue of the Cure is easily completed without much Torture.

I don't know that *Diureticks* will avail at all in this rooted Degree, because they are too weak for the Disease; and besides, Dr. *Freind* has lately observ'd in his Treatise of Fevers, that they seldom answer our Ends, saying, p. 154, *Ita ut hodie hæc Medicinæ pars quæ ad urinas provocandas pertinet, sit omnium maximè manca.*

This Observation is true as to Fact; and Dr. *Paxton* in his *Tentamen*, p. 117, first asserted it in the following Words;

“ Diureticks or Medicines causing and  
 “ increasing Urine, may be observ'd to  
 “ be very uncertain in their Operations;  
 “ For Urine being a Separation from the  
 “ Blood, whatsoever causes or increases  
 “ that, must some way so dispose or  
 “ alter the Blood itself, that such of its  
 “ Parts may be more plentifully secern'd  
 “ by the Kidneys, and from thence flow  
 “ into the Bladder. And the Blood being  
 “ so very different in several Bodies, it  
 “ can be no Wonder if the same Remedy  
 “ does not at all times, in all Bodies,  
 “ produce the same Effect; as it is most  
 “ evident it doth not, that being often a  
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“ powerful Diuretick in one, that in  
 “ another will discover no such Virtue.  
 “ For, perhaps, modestly and nicely  
 “ speaking, Art hath not as yet prepar’d  
 “ any one Medicine, that will at all  
 “ Times, to all Persons, prove itself a  
 “ nice and real Diuretick.

Some I know there are, that pretend  
 to evacuate by *Saliva* for two or three  
 Hours in a Day, and no more ; and thus  
 are for carrying off, by Degrees, the ve-  
 nomous Particles out of the Blood ; and  
 if so, why may not this be done by *To-  
 bacco* as well as *Mercury*? For in such a  
 Case these enter not the Blood : But this  
 is bare Shuffle and Pretence ; and if they  
 neglect at the same time other advanta-  
 geous Methods, ’tis an Imposition upon  
 their Patients.

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 ly advertised, and speciously supported  
 by a *rational Account* given of their man-  
 ner of Operating. Were this Gentleman  
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*Venereal* than a common Ulcer, I cou’d  
 very readily come into his Measures ; and  
 he ought in good Manners to suppose it  
 no great Difficulty for us to find out *De-  
 terfive, Digestive, Incarning, and Cica-  
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are; but alas! we find to our Sorrow that a Venereal Ulcer may justly be termed *universal*, whilst a common Ulcer remains *particular*. That I may be comprehended the more easily, the Reader must excuse a small Digression. I say, that Venereal Ulcers are of such a Nature, that if they are neglected, they spread and branch into a thousand dangerous Maladies, each of which is sufficient to hurry us headlong into the Grave, whilst a common Ulcer is often used as an Issue to drain noxious Humours out of the Body: And altho' the Methods of Cure in either be univocal, as to the external Application, yet it is not always necessary to make use of Internals in common Ulcers, because they are void of a *diffusive Virulency*, which never is wanting in Venereal Ulcers: From whence it is very easy to see, that a Person may be freed of a *Gonorrhœa* with the Use of pompous Injections, and yet be under a Necessity of undergoing a severe Salivation to cure him of a Pox in less than half a Year. I am at no Loss to produce a fresh Instance in this very Case; but that I am under Obligations of Silence from the Nature of the thing. Examples are Convictions; but I hope the

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Reader will consult his Reason, and give Credit to what I affirm. I cannot deny that Injections may be useful in the first Moments of the Infection; but how few are there who make so early an Application? In fine, Washing off some virulent Salts from the *Urethra* and *prostate Glands*, with a Lotion gently *Corrosive*, is a Deterfive; with Smooth and Emollients, is Digestion; and with Stypticks, is Cicatrization: But when you have thus artificially cured this Sore in the Passage, and have Reason to hope you are freed from the *Gonorrhæa*, the Virulency being very active, taints your Blood and Juices, lies unheeded and unregarded in your Veins, and attacks your Bones. Hence it is we see so many Scenes of Misery in this *Metropolis*, so many Persons disabled from their lawful Employments, so much Barrenness in Women, who wou'd otherwise have been teeming Dames, but that their Spouses have had heretofore Misfortunes in the Management of themselves. For my own part, I have had Opportunities to see too much of this kind, and I heartily wish there were no Occasion to complain; but so long as all who undertake to remedy this Disease, have not the good Fortune

to be well instructed in the Methods of Cure, I think I may safely affirm, that so long shall we hear Complaints.

If *Preventives* succeed, Temporal Punishment, for the Sin of Impurity, is in good part cut off. This Advertiser, I must confess, is the most whimsical of any I have yet read of: The *Venetian* Courtezans are said indeed to have a Method of communicating with Mankind with Impunity, and there are several Ways recounted in Physicall Authors to guard the Combatants from any Danger; but to publish the Method, smells so rank of the *Libertine* and *Free-Thinker*, that it ought not to be allowed in a Christian Country: And pray, good Sir, from whence had you this mighty *Arcanum*? Who are you? Whence come you? Where are your Testimonies? I doubt you import Goods that are Contraband. Surely, Sir, you advise all Mankind, which is prompt enough of itself to offend, to use *Machinery*, and to fight in *Armour*. If so, you are not the *Inventor*, but the *Propagator* of Wick- edness: But we see how some Persons aim to deceive the World.

In short, I shall only add this one Ob-  
servation, which may lead a skilful Per-  
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son through the whole Range of the Disease; and it is this, *That in what manner soever the Disease has been found to be critically carried off in warmer Countries, we may lawfully conclude that Medicines which are found by Experience to force this same Separation by Art, will do the same Feats;* and as it has been found that the *Indians* did it by Sweating, (in the Sun, Bagnio's, or by any other Means) so we find in *England*, that Sweating goes a great way to complete the Work: For I could never yet find that *Sweats* alone, in our Clime, did totally carry off the Venereal *Virus*: And it is reasonable to think that our Fluids are not attenuated to that Pitch as theirs are in hotter Regions; that the acrimonious Particles are lodged in a more viscous Vehicle; and that a *Diaphoresis* cannot carry off so much of it, nor so freely, without much greater Inconveniences than the Advantages receiv'd; for Fevers are frequently subsequent to great Sweats, and therefore in *England* we dare not follow this Method so much as the Foreigners may, because our Pores seem to be much less than theirs, and our Juices less fluid; so that we give Purgatives more frequently, and Foreigners *Diaphoreticks*: And moreover,

as *Mercurials* are the best Remedies yet known in this Malady, and as they work mostly by the Mouth or *Anus* ; so it seems to favour our Clime the most, and the Disease is not more certainly eradicated in any Country than it is with us. And as it has been found that Stools do carry off this Distemper, so may we imitate and ape Nature, and order *Catharticks* to carry off the Load ; after which however, a tedious Course ought to back this Method, in order to correct the Reliques, lest it sprout again.

A Course of Alteratives, justly proportion'd in Dose and Quality to the Quantity of *Virus* in the Blood and the reigning Acrimony, the Symptoms subsisting, give us plain Hints that we must continue our Endeavours in changing the Mass of Blood into still a better Condition than it is now under ; and the Species of Acrimony is often detected from the Nature of the Symptoms, which give us Light how to vary our Prescriptions : But as I have not Room nor Leisure to insert all Particulars concerning this Affair, the Reader must content himself with the Sketch given.

How the Salivation was found to cure this Disease, is too late an Invention to be



be forgot ; and therefore I shall proceed, the History of Physick not being my Design at this Juncture.

As for the Symptoms which retain to the several Degrees of this virulent Disease, it behoves a Physician to follow the easiest and surest Methods to root them soon out ; and as I have acquir'd by Experience several short Methods to effect this, I shall give my Reader to understand their Names and Uses ; and I shall leave it to the Patient to let the World know, how truly they are *Nostrums* and *Specificks in their kind*.

*Electuarium Mirabile* ; or, the *Admirable Electuary*. I have already spoke of the Virtues of this Electuary ; and as too much cannot be said in its Praise, the Reader must excuse a little Excursion on a favourite Medicine ; *Favourite*, because I admire its Efficacy and Palatableness : To be pleasant and grateful to the Taste only, wou'd be a small Recommendation indeed ; but when I say 'tis successful in the first Degree of this Disease, and seldom, if ever, fails of answering its Ends, as thousands can sufficiently testify, I think I need not add much farther, than to advise the Unfortunate to consult their

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Safety, in having speedy Recourse to such an admirable Remedy in time.

*Pilula Antivenerea*, or my *Antivenereal Pills*. I never found it advisable to proceed to Stronger Medicines, when I was sure Weaker wou'd serve the turn; nor, *vice versâ*, is it convenient to dally with Weak ones, where Stronger are plainly required. When therefore People have neglected themselves, or have been treated ignorantly till their Case becomes *Desperate*, I have recourse to these admirable Pills and Powder following, which together will not fail to root out the very minutest Atoms of the Poison with Certainty and Safety; the Truth of which (upon Trial) the Afflicted will soon be convinced of; as many I have already had under my Hands have largely experienced.

*Pulvis Specificus*; or, my *Specifick Powder*. This Powder is an Alterative, and great Sweetner of the Blood and Juices, corrects efficaciously and suddenly all Taints proceeding from this Poison, and indeed is almost universal in its Virtues, as several Physicians, who however use it too sparingly, can testify in their Practice;

rice; but my Method of using it being different to theirs, I reap greater Benefit by it in proportion; as daily Experience sufficiently proves.

*Electuarium Balsamicum*; or, my *Balsamick Electuary*. This is a Medicine which is extremely cleansing and healing; therefore particularly adapted to Gleets, after the Cure of the Venom; for it often happens, that after all the Venom is carried off, yet the Vessels are not closed, tho' good and wholesome Methods have been used; then this *Electuary*, with my *Balsamick Pills*, will effectually succeed; as also in all Gleets and Seminal Weaknesses, whether occasion'd from ill cured *Claps*, Self-Pollutions, or other Disorders, if neither the *Veru Montanum*, or the Mouths of the Excretory Ducts of the *Parastatæ* be quite eaten away; for then 'tis impossible to be done, because 'tis impossible to frame new Parts; *Experto crede*.

*Linimentum Carcinomatofum*; or, the *Liniment for Shankers*. This *Liniment* is design'd chiefly for *Shankers*, to eradicate them gently, and yet not in such a manner that they shall retreat into the Blood, as

is the Misfortune of many Medicines of this kind. As for *Directions for its Use*, I must beg that the Persons who may be concern'd will not expect any here; for I don't think it safe to give general Directions, but will expect to see, and then direct; and indeed I would be glad to know, how any Patient can be Judge of the Degree of his Misfortune; for this is the Result of Experience and Practice only. How many young Physicians are there, that know very well what is to be done with a Patient; that is, they know what Remedy is to be used; but how many of them are at a stand to give the sufficient Quantity, and to time it? This is too evident, and is in Practice granted by the whole World, when they reject young Physicians (tho' Relations) for old ones, whom they trust with their Lives, by reason of their Experience.

*Emplastrum Bubonicum*; or, the Plaster for Bubo's: The Part is shav'd, and this is applied; it draws the Part to a Head in a little time; so that 'tis easy to digest and perform all other Intentions afterwards. I need not cry this Plaster up, because I am sure of its Effects, which are quick and certain; for otherwise the

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Venom might retreat into the Blood, and give the Operator a great deal of Trouble, in obliging him to a long Course, which this Method wou'd soon accomplish.

*Pulvis Anti-Dysuricus*; or, the Powder against Heat of Urine, (or Spirit.) I have contrived this Medicine for the Palate, so that it may be given in Powder or Drops: 'Tis one of the best Remedies known for this Sharpness of Water, which is one of the most troublesome Symptoms that reigns in this Disease; it relieves it by a sort of Enchantment, by allaying the Pungency of the Humour, and correcting it specifically: It may be taken in Wine, or any other Liquor which pleases the Patient best.

*Emplastrum, and Unguentum Anti-Tophicum*; or, the Plaister and Unguent for Nodes. These two Medicines will utterly extirpate or dissipate these Nodes; which, if they be suffer'd to continue, at last produce Caries of the Bones, and endanger Loss of Life; the one is milder than the other, that if one should not operate, the other will effectually do it; for as it is sometimes more rooted

than at another, weaker or stronger Remedies are required. When Patients have neglected themselves till Nodes seize them, they *must apply seriously for their Recovery, or they are in the high Road to be lost.*

*Pulvis Extirpans*; or, the Powder against a Caruncle. Whatever is used against a Caruncle, ought so to be moderated, as not to inflame the Urethra; for so many fatal Symptoms might be brought on, that a total Suppression of Urine might ensue. This Powder is exactly proportion'd, and performs its Work gently, yet certainly.

Mr. Wiseman's Powder and Plaister, used according to his Directions, are pretty effectual: He takes the Bark of *Pomegranate* powder'd two Drams, *Alum* powder'd a Scruple, *Ceruss* one Ounce; as also he takes Red *Precipitate* one Ounce, *Lapis Calaminaris* three Drams, *Vitriol* calcin'd one Dram and a half, Plaister *Diacalciteos* six Ounces; mix and make a Plaister; which melted, is to be dawb'd over a Wax Candle: However, if it is not large, there are other Methods not so tedious nor so tormenting; which

which it is enough to have hinted at in this small Book.

Many other Medicines I have for other Symptoms, experienced over and over successfully, which I will not trouble my Reader withal at this Juncture ; only I shall add, that *Method is the true Secret in Physick* ; and whoever does not study it, can have no Glory due to him ; for nothing of Invention can issue from Ignorance, and Chance will never make a Man wise, no more than a World will be fram'd out of Atoms jumbled together, as *Lucretius* wildly teaches.

It might be easy for me to proceed in the ordinary Road, and bring my *Vouchers* for the Cures I have done ; but in the first place, I find none but *poor and worthless Wretches* who are willing to subscribe to this Method, and such I don't value ; for, depend upon it, I will not (like the *Scheme-Maker*) hire any to own the Favours I have done them ; and for the Better sort, they hate even the Sight of a Person who has done them Service in this kind, lest they shou'd discover, to their Prejudice, what they have too much in their Power ; and indeed I should

should be of the same Opinion myself. And in the next place, this is done to persuade the World of the Goodness of a Medicine which they have good Reason to doubt of: And lastly, when these Gentlemen do us the Favour to balance the Account of *such as Live and Die* under their Methods, then would it be reasonable for the World to follow them, according to their Deserts; but they publish an Advertisement now and then, certifying what vast Advantage *such* and *such* have received by their *Specificks* and *Elixirs*; but not one Word is said of *such as have died* by the Neglect of better Remedies; *Culpas eorum tegit terra*. I shall then supersede all Discoveries of this kind, they being odious, and fit for nothing but to bring Reproach upon the *Physician* and the poor Patient; and shall proceed to a short Account of *Specificks*, as they are called, and demonstrate to Mankind the Extortion and Folly of these Pretenders and Pretences. Indeed I must own, they are properly *Specificks* in their Sense; for as each Remedy is worth what it brings in of Profit, so they who get the most Money for their *Specificks*, fancy themselves the wisest Men, and  
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their *Specificks* must be very Valuable; but I can't stoop to this Sense of the Word, as will appear in the next Chapter.

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*Of Specificks, and the Abuse of the Name, and how it covers Ignorance and a Cheat.*

I Can't but admire the Assurance of some Men, who adapt the Signification of *Specificks* to their own Remedies, and who cry up a paltry Mixture for the finest Invention in the World; but my Wonder ceases, when I consider the Matter in a different Light; for Profit will make a Man of *no Honour* say and do any thing; and as Mr. Dryden says, *there is a certain sort of Impudence in Want.*

An Assertion or Authority in Physick, is like the Quotient in Division; no one is sure 'tis true, till it is proved; and I must in a particular manner let the World know,

know, that as no Person who is a Party concern'd, ought to be admitted as a Witness in that particular Case; therefore Dr. *Ch-b-l-n* sharing in the Profits as he did, was an improper Judge of the Vertues of his *Specifick*, because the World could expect nothing from him but *Elogiums*, and extravagant Expressions to cry up this *Specifick Panacea*: (as he term'd it, a learned Blunder!) But I may be answer'd, Why then so many Advertisements, if this were not a Real *Specifick*? In the first place, too much is pretended to be proved by these Advertisers; for by them, it must be the Dew of Heaven! and this Gentleman has been stamp'd on purpose by the Almighty Power, to find out a Secret in a Profession he is entirely ignorant of; (as a Reward, think we, for having dropt his Priestly Function?)

In the next place, I have already told my Reader, that these Advertisements are hired at the Expence of a Guinea to the Advertiser, and at the Price of the Advertisement also, as his printed Directions, which I have by me, do testify.

As for a *Specifick*, I must acquaint my Reader, that I own no infinite Power in  
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any natural Body, and therefore I cannot suppose any Material Acts beyond its Sphere; and particularly an Evacuating Remedy has little Leisure to correct any Humours, but hurries them off in the Position they are under; and what comes first to the Glands of the Guts, is first evacuated, and according to the Violence more or less is emptied; therefore if this wonderful *Specifick* stays in the Guts some few Hours, it is soon carried off again; and I must observe, that it is Physically impossible that five or six Grains of any Medicine can produce those wonderful Alterations in the Blood and Juices so tainted; and therefore this is a ridiculous and an absolute *Chouse*, to delude poor Unfortunate People, and at once to empty their Bodies and their Purses.

But this Gentleman returns to his Argument, and tells me, *Sir! Remark this Necklace! 'tis but a sorry one to look at! Nothing better for Teeth and Childbed-Women! Sir, 'tis an appended Remedy! only acts by Effluvia!* weighs but a few Grains itself; and yet, Sir, take my Word for't, it makes such Alterations in the Fluids, and such Impressions on the Solids,

lids, that, as the late worthy Dr. Ch--l-n said again, 'tis surprizing. I shall not now give myself any Trouble about this Affair, only if its *Effluvia* were so strong as to make a *Wind-Mill* go, I cou'd tell him how to make it turn to good Advantage; and I can, in the mean while, tell the World, that if he pleas'd to affirm it would do so, he had then a Father to cite for his Assertion.

But I have design'd this Chapter to convince the World how they are imposed on by some designing Men.

First then I must inform you, that there is a *Specifick Water* made use of in Town for a *Gonorrhœa*: I had the Opportunity of some brought to me by a Patient to make Trial of it; and accordingly, upon dropping the common Fluids into it, it plainly appear'd by the *Precipitates* to be *Mercury Sublimate*, dissolved in Water; the Danger of which (given internally) I have hinted at before.

Some time after, the *Scheme-Maker's Specifick Elixir* came to my Hands in the same manner, (as it often has since, together with his *Specifick Electuary*;) I judged



judged it by the Taste to be *Gum Guaiacum* and *Turpentine*, dissolv'd in Spirit of Wine; and accordingly I evaporated the Spirit of Wine by Flame, and found the Spirit to be strongly rectify'd, for it evaporated entirely; and in the Spoon I found a Gum of the Colour of *Gum Guaiacum*, which, upon Taste, I found to be the very Gum; but, upon farther Trial, I believed I tasted *Camphire* in it; upon which I poured some of the Tincture into Water, and, upon pouring in a little *Oil of Vitriol*, the Water grew vehemently hot, and immediately at the Top swam the *Camphire*, which tasted and smelt very strong.

The other *Grand Specifick* which he has made such a Noise about also, and to so little Purpose, (unless to deceive People of their Money and Health) is nothing but some of the common Purgatives; such as *Rosin of Jalap, Coloquintida, and Scammony*, together with *Mer. Dul.* made up with *Balsam of Capivi*; and the Danger of giving *Balsam Capivi* in the beginning of the Cure of Claps, Thousands, in this City, have experienc'd to their Ruin. But my Aim here is this; Is it not a vile Imposition in these

these Men, to dispose of such common, useless, and dangerous Medicines, at so extravagant a Rate ? For neither of these can cost above 6 *d.* or 8 *d.* at most, and a *Guinea* is paid for them at Toy-Shops or elsewhere ; upon which I say again, with the late worthy Dr. *Chamberlen*, 'tis very surprizing.

But what is most surprizing to me, is, that Men of Sense and Worth should hazard their Lives and Fortunes, by buying Medicines at such Places, and taking them, without knowing the *Author*, or where to apply to him upon the greatest Emergency.

Besides, is *Gum Guaiacum*, *Camphire*, and *Spirit of Wine*, such a mighty Secret ? or the *Purgatives* before hinted, with *Balsam Capivi* ? No, they are such common things, that a Boy of Twelve Months Skill in *Pharmacy* wou'd be ashamed to boast of.

As to my own *Nostrums*, I will give them up to any one to make what Trials they please upon them ; they cannot find them out : But what is it to the Purpose if they shou'd ? I can only say, I depend upon Judgment, and will not scruple to alter my Medicines as I see Occasion ; for no Medicine can fit every Age  
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and Constitution, nor is every Person that applies alike affected; some have a *Bubo* and a *Running* at the same time; others, a *Bubo* only: Some have a Sharpness of Water, and some have none: Some have watery *Gleets*, others aropy one: Some have *Shankers*, others a *Caruncle*: Some have Strength enough, and Venom enough, to bear and require strong and potent Remedies; others have a great deal of Poison in their Veins, and little Strength: And therefore, I say, 'tis ridiculous and preposterous to expose to Sale an *Universal Remedy*, which is suppos'd to be adapted to every one's Age and Constitution; or to pretend to cure this Disease by a Dose or two of any Medicine, as some, who have more Assurance than Skill, frequently do; or with a *Chymical Bolus*, which is as much as if we should say with a *Simple Compound*, and that is full as proper as to say a long Circle, or a *Circular Quadrangle*.

----- *Sibi convenientia finge,*  
*Scriptor.*

Since my writing this Sketch of the *Venereal Disease*, Practice has furnish'd  
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me with Cases enough to convince Readers how little I am out in my Conjectures as to the *Practical Scheme*, which I shall briefly insert for their sakes.

A young Gentleman having contracted a Venereal Taint, and being ashamed to reveal his Case, bought at Mrs. *Garraway's* the *Specifick Electuary* and *Elixir*, at the Price of Two Guineas; and tho' the Directions were follow'd, yet he was oblig'd to apply to me for Assistance, having a *Shanker* and a *Phymosis* upon him, and was cured by my *Anti-venereal Pills* and *Specifick Powders*, along with Applications proper for his *Shanker*, &c.

NB. 'Twas by the Favour of this Gentleman I had the *Electuary* and *Elixir* I made Trials on.

Another Gentleman, who had been treated by a Surgeon, and who had us'd the *Specifick* likewise, but was cured by neither; upon the Perusal of this Treatise apply'd to me for Assistance: He was afflicted with a watery *Gleet*, a Pain at the Root of his *Penis*, and a continual Heat along the *Urethra*: He was treated with my *Elect. Mirab.* my *Spirit Anti-*  
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*dysuricus*, and *Balsamick Pills*, and effectually cured.

Upon the Perusal of my Book, I was consulted by a Gentleman of near fifty, who labour'd under a constant *Gleet*, and had been so afflicted for many Years. I cured him with my *Balsamick Electuary* and my *Balsamick Pills*; upon which we were both of us well satisfy'd.

A young Man brought upon himself, by *Onanism*, a Weakness in the Seminals; after he had perus'd my Book, he apply'd, and was perfectly cured by my *Balsamick Electuary* and *Pills*.

A Captain of a Ship (under the *Hatches*) bought the *Specifick*, and injected according to Directions; the Success was a Translation of the Matter to the *Scrotum*, which swell'd prodigiously: Upon reading this Pamphlet, he apply'd, and with my *Antivenereal Pills* and *Powders*, and proper Topicks to the *Scrotum*, in a Month's time we dismiss'd each other well satisfy'd.

Whilst this was writing, a Gentleman's Servant apply'd, who some time since had got the Distemper, and bought a Guinea Pot of the *Specifick*, which soon stopt his Running: He laid out Three  
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Guineas more, to confirm the Cure, (as he term'd it ; ) but about Three Months after, he found he had only barter'd his CLAP for a POX. Such Effects the *Balsam Capiui* will most certainly have when improperly administer'd, as Thousands many Years ago have dearly experienc'd.

The *Specificks* had the following Consequences attending their Use, a Stoppage of the *Gleet*, a Pain in the Back, a Weariness in the Thighs, a Scalding in the Urine, with fleshy Filaments in it. Upon buying *this Book*, he confess'd his Mistake in believing a Possibility of Universal Remedies. In five Weeks I dismiss'd him, recover'd perfectly.

Since the Publication of the Third Edition, the following Remarkables have happen'd from the Use of the *Specifick*; one took Thirty Pots of it, Part of the Bone of his Nose grew Carious, which fell off with blowing it : The Surprise was great, and he apply'd himself to me, (having seen my Book) and was by proper Care perfectly restor'd to his Health, and the Nose sav'd without being disfigur'd. A Second spent Five  
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Guineas on the *Specifick*, but yet was uncur'd; whom I restor'd perfectly. This Person gave me to understand, how he had unwarily abused a Friend of his by the *Specifick*; for, said he, I recommended it as an admirable Medicine, that had cur'd me, (as I then unfortunately believ'd) so he purchas'd it; but his Friend found his Remedy in the *Hospital* only. A Third had his Running stopt by one Pot: After three Months he marry'd to a very vertuous Woman, and presently appear'd a Shanker, a Bubo, and a Swelling of his Testicles; a sufficient Caution for all sorts of People not to trust to these pernicious Medicines in Cases of this Nature. His Wife shar'd of the Misfortune, and both were oblig'd to apply for Remedy. These Histories can be well attested, and I wish 'twere all the Injury could be prov'd against its Use. But such is the Efficacy of Noise and Vouchers, that the World will try, and then repent; Wisdom is valu'd by its high-pric'd Purchase.

These few Cases I was willing to insert, in order to convince the World of the Inefficacy of Universal Remedies;  
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more I did not, because we are hardly at full Liberty to say all we wou'd.

I hope I shall not be look'd on as idle in my Generation, if I to these few Additions subjoin a little Digression on the *Gout*, and discover to the World a new Collusion in this Particular.

This Disorder has so much hitherto baffled the Endeavours of Physicians, that they now at last begin to conclude it an useless Enquiry to seek after its Cure; and he would only convince the World of a superlative Folly, who wou'd go about to reason Persons into an Opinion of *Specificks* for it, at a time when the most diligent Practitioners give over such Attempts. Has it ever been known that any Remedy was yet found out to prevent a Return of the *Gout*, nay, which did not throw it upon the Bowels, and lay the Foundation for a Nest of Distempers? Jumbles of Words which *Pretenders* join together, without Coherence or Design, may cajole an unthinking Multitude into a Belief, that something Extraordinary is attempted, because somewhat Extraordinary is promis'd; but the Men of Brains never judge



judge of a Book by its *specious Title*; those stale Tricks are out of Date.

The Learned talk of *Indigestions* and *Periods*, which are never reliev'd; they speak of *Natural Tendencies* which they only can further; and the Unlearned prate of *Specificks* cook'd up for the Market. The Difference then is, that the Modesty of the former instructs us how cautiously we ought to proceed in managing Human Carcasses; but the latter aim at the Disposal of their Wares. In short, the Atoms plainly discoverable by the latter, are never to be seen (even with the nicest Glasses yet fram'd) by the former; but the *Auri sacra fames* makes Men very clear-sighted; for this the World runs unfathomable Lengths. A *Sydenham*, a *Lister*, a *Musgrave*, a *Wintringham*, must sink under the Weight of the *New System*; and were this to hold true in all the Branches of *Sciences*, Learning must yield to Ignorance, and Religion to Enthusiasm. Happy Age! in which the BLIND only hit the Mark!

I shall in few Words dispatch this Affair under Consideration; but first, it will not be deem'd from the Purpose to

relate the Particulars of the Trials made on the *Anti-arthritick Specifick Tincture*: One of the Purchasers made me a Present of a little of this pretended *Specifick*, which I try'd in the following manner: I exhal'd, as also in another Trial deflagrated, the Spirit of Wine, which I found rectified, and there was left behind a Gum, which I found to be *Gum Guaiaci*. I pour'd some of the Tincture into Water, and it immediately turn'd Milky, as all Gummous Bodies are observ'd to do: To this Milky Liquor I pour'd on *Ol. Vitriol.* and presently the *Camphire* emerg'd, and smelt then very strong. This Trial having answer'd, and being like the *Specifick* mention'd in the *Practical Scheme*, I try'd that again in the same manner as mention'd, and all the Difference I found was, that in this latter *Specifick* there was more *Camphire*, and in the *Venereal Specifick* there was more *Gum Guaiaci*; but in both of them I find a little Scammony; so that the Difference between these two *Specificks* is plainly no other, comparatively speaking, than *Beer and Ale*, and *Ale and Beer*.

Is it possible then for Collusion to run higher than in this pretending Scribbler! Can he believe the World is grown so credulous, that he may impose any frivolous Change upon them for wonderful Secrets? Or does he believe it is so Ignorant or Idle, as to take all he affirms upon Trust? No, these Banters are not like to be swallow'd down, nor succeed much longer; nor shall I cease in every following Edition to expose all such vain Pretensions to the Publick.

To add some Reasoning upon the Point, I must remark to you what have been the standing Opinions concerning this Disease. Dr. Sydenham, and most Authors before and after him, have given it in as their common Sentiments, that the Humour resting in the Joints, is such as cannot freely pass the Glands, and the other minute Passages adjacent; and the Wiser of the Faculty have added, that this Humour is so noxious, that it cannot be safely translated from thence into the Blood again. If then nothing can effectually put a stop to the Humours being thrown upon the Joints; and I think we may safely enough affirm, that nothing has hitherto been dis-

discover'd which has had this Effect; I must then necessarily conclude, that it is not safe to apply any thing externally, which will throw this Humour back again into the Blood. Now what is any *Tincture* apply'd externally, but dispersing this Humour, and throwing it upon the Bowels? but shou'd it not do this, 'tis not owing to the Care of this *Prater*. Let it not be any farther affirm'd so boldly, how many are cured of this Distemper; but let them tell the Story half a Year hence; let them then give us an Account whether they are not afflicted again and again, and then we shall be able to judge of its Efficacy.

I cannot disown that Dr. *Sydenham's* Method of giving Bitters is useful to attenuate the Juices, and to evacuate a share of them by the Pores; but neither he, nor any other since him, have ever affirm'd that *Returns of the Gout* were for ever prevented by such Medicines: And yet a Person without Skill on Human Bodies, or in the Practice, shall set up to be an *Æsculapius*! 'tis to me surprizing, both because of the Ignorance of the Pretender, and the known Impossibility of the thing to be done.

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It were however Folly to deny that Fitts of the Gout may be staved off for a considerable time, or that their Violence may be so abated, that Gouty Persons may live with some Comfort, and enjoy the *Gout* and *Health* together, as I may justly say.

This Secret is worth the Gouty Person's while; and if my Subject were not foreign to the Business, I could descend to some surprizing Particulars, which I have no room to mention here; therefore I will defer this Head till a more convenient Opportunity, to communicate my Thoughts to the Publick, and let them see how willing as well as capable I am to serve them. But if the World is resolv'd to favour the aforesaid Impositions, 'tis their own Choice, not Want of Discovery in me.

Thus, *my dear Readers*, have I for your Sakes said much in a little Compass: I have, it is true, decry'd some Mens Practices, but I hope I have done it with good Manners and Decency; and as Mens Lives and Health lie at stake, I could hardly say less. I am not however insinuating that I alone possess Secrets for this Disease, which other Men  
have

have not; no, I admire and kiss the Feet of the *Learned Body of Physick* in this City: I cannot enough praise the Industry and Ingenuity of our *Body of Surgeons* in this great *Metropolis*, who of late Years have outdone those *Monsieurs*, who carry too much Sway even yet; but how deservedly, they only know, who are skill'd in this Noble Art: Those Gentlemen being regular in their Proceedings, I allow them all that they can request of me; and I hope they will also allow me some Competency of Knowledge in this one Point, in which I have labour'd so long with Success, as will appear to any considering Person; for 'tis odds but he that applies to one Distemper only, shall discover somewhat Particular, which another who has not a Patient in a quarter of a Year has no Opportunity to do. And this, *dear Reader*, I hope, to your Comfort, is my Case.

*From my House, at the Golden-Ball  
and Lamp in Bow Church-yard,  
in Cheapside.*

P O S T.



## POSTSCRIPT.

**I**F after all that hath been said, there be any who thro' Bashfulness, or any other Reason, will not appear themselves, let such send a true State of their Case in Writing, and they shall have proper Remedies sent 'em; but no Letters will be answer'd, either in Town, or from the Country, unless such as bring Orders for Medicines; and *Money* is expected on the Delivery of them.



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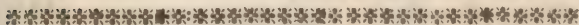
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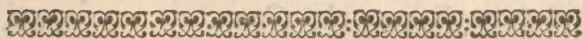


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